

they clearly believe this is the better aircraft. And if that is their decision, they had no choice honorably to do anything other than make the decision they did.

I yield the floor.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of the quorum and ask that it be equally divided.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, we are going to vote in a couple of minutes on the motion to proceed to the CPSC—the Consumer Product Safety Act—and I want to urge my colleagues to vote for this motion and to move to this legislation so that we can consider it over the next couple of days in the Senate.

I think the American public saw the record number of product recalls last year, especially in the toy sector but in all sectors of our economy. The people back home understand how important it is for the Senate to act on this and act in a way that is responsible and balanced and act in a way that is very meaningful.

Again, our legislation as compared to the House bill is more transparent, there is more enforcement, and it is more comprehensive reform. I thank my House colleagues for doing what they have done and also thank my Senate colleagues, especially Senator TED STEVENS and Senator COLLINS. We have several on our side who have all come together to make this a bipartisan bill, and I appreciate the Senate's consideration.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 582, S. 2663, the Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Act.

Harry Reid, John D. Rockefeller, IV, Russell D. Feingold, Max Baucus, Charles E. Schumer, Kent Conrad, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar, Jeff Bingaman, Richard Durbin, Mark Pryor, Edward M. Kennedy, Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, Debbie Stabenow, Carl Levin, Byron L. Dorgan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call is waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to

proceed to S. 2663, a bill to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant journal clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON), the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) would vote "yea."

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Alaska (Mrs. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 86, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 36 Leg.]

YEAS—86

Akaka	Dole	Mikulski
Alexander	Domenici	Murray
Allard	Dorgan	Nelson (FL)
Barrasso	Durbin	Nelson (NE)
Baucus	Feingold	Pryor
Bayh	Feinstein	Reed
Bennett	Graham	Reid
Bingaman	Grassley	Roberts
Bond	Gregg	Rockefeller
Boxer	Hagel	Salazar
Brown	Harkin	Sanders
Brownback	Hatch	Schumer
Bunning	Hutchison	Sessions
Burr	Inouye	Shelby
Cantwell	Johnson	Smith
Cardin	Kennedy	Snowe
Carper	Kerry	Specter
Casey	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Chambliss	Kohl	Stevens
Cochran	Kyl	Sununu
Coleman	Landrieu	Tester
Collins	Lautenberg	Thune
Conrad	Leahy	Vitter
Corker	Levin	Voinovich
Cornyn	Lieberman	Warner
Craig	Lincoln	Webb
Crapo	Lugar	Whitehouse
DeMint	Martinez	Wyden
Dodd	McConnell	

NAYS—1

Coburn

NOT VOTING—13

Biden	Inhofe	Murkowski
Byrd	Isakson	Obama
Clinton	McCain	Wicker
Ensign	McCaskill	
Enzi	Menendez	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 86, the nays are 1. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I move to reconsider the vote and to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DURBIN. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. PRYOR. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE BUDGET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, next week we will be marking up and working on the budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 2009. I wish to take a few minutes to talk a little bit about the budget we passed last year and to highlight a few areas of caution where I hope we will not repeat the mistakes this year in the budget we passed like we did in the budget we passed last year.

First of all, in the fiscal year 2008 budget, the budget anticipated an increase in revenue—which is Washington speak for a tax increase—of \$736 billion that would be needed in order to meet the demands of that budget. Of course, we all know whom those tax hikes fall on. It is the middle-class families, the farmers, the entrepreneurs, the people we need in this country to remain productive and remain incentivized to keep our economy and job creation humming.

Considering the economic situation we are in today, the last thing the Federal Government should do is increase taxes and create a wet blanket of deterrence on those very entrepreneurs and people who create the jobs.

One example is, last year you will recall that Congress waited until the last possible moment to pass temporary tax relief, relieving the middle class from the alternative minimum tax—a tax that more and more middle-class families will soon pay. As a matter of fact, I think this is a perfect paradigm for what I have heard here as "tax schemes designed to tax only the wealthy."

You will recall that the alternative minimum tax, as originally conceived,